

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

A terminal disclaimer in respect of US 6,626,529 is filed herewith.

The antecedent objection raised by the Examiner in respect of claim 1 has been corrected.

Claims 1 and 3-10 stand rejected under prior art grounds. In response, the Applicant has amended claim 1 to more explicitly define that the cut sheet print media is completely housed within the casing, specifically, the first portion of the casing. The claims also define that the drive assembly is disposed within the casing, except for the drive gear, which protrudes from the casing to allow it to be engaged by the printer when the cartridge is received in the printer. Thus a compact and simple cartridge providing a sturdy and unitary solution to the problem of print media replacement is provided.

By contrast, Koga teaches an open cartridge which cannot be conveniently provided as a replacement cartridge for print media.

McIntyre teaches a print media cartridge having an electronically actuated pick up and drive assembly. McIntyre does not teach the pick up assembly of present claim 1 in which a drive gear protrudes from the housing. As a result, the McIntyre device requires an additional power supply, such as the batteries 34.

The Applicant considers that the McIntyre and Koga citations would not be combined by the skilled addressee as a matter of routine. Koga provides an automatic sheet feeder of high complexity and bulk. McIntyre is concerned with provided a convenient, simple and compact cartridge for print media replacement. The skilled addressee would therefore consider the two devices as incompatible and would not seek to add the features of Koga to the device of McIntyre to arrive at the present invention. In any case, the combination of Koga and McIntyre does not teach the feature provided in claim 1 of the drive gear protruding from the casing to be engaged by a complementary gear of a printer.

In light of the above amendments and submissions, the Applicant respectfully submits each of the grounds of rejection raised in the Office Action has been overcome and that the invention is in condition for allowance. Further consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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